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Participants in the Reptiles at Risk program watch as Ferne Taylor gets a grip on a snapping turtle. See story on page 8.

Photo by Sue Tiffin

Lochlin family gains support in loss of home

Darren Lum
 Staff

The community is rallying for the King family who lost its home to a fire last Wednesday afternoon.

A public fundraiser will be held at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Friday, Jan. 24 from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

One of the event organizers, Kelly Wilson, who knows the King family through her parents, is glad to help.

"I'm just kind of stepping up to the plate. A bunch of people talked about

holding an event and I kind of took over," she said. "They're a great family so I wanted to step up and help as much as I can."

Her parents have known the family for 15 years, she said.

Minden and Haliburton fire fighters battled the fire in knee-deep snow and doused the blaze from three sides of the Lochlin Road home last Wednesday.

Minden Hills Fire Department fire chief Doug Schell said unfortunately there might have been up to six dogs

that died in the fire, but luckily with no one home there wasn't anybody hurt in the fire.

He said a passerby called the department at 3:25 p.m. about the residence on fire.

The department responded and arrived on scene first, close to 3:45 p.m.

Minden asked for support from the Haliburton Fire Department, who came and assisted in bringing two pump trucks, a rescue vehicle and close to 10 firefighters, Schell said.

A total of more than 20 firefighters helped to fight the fire that took close to six hours to control, extinguish and clean up.

Challenges included getting to the water source that was under 18 inches of ice and the steel roof of the house.

The pump trucks helped to transport water from a body of water down the road at Richie Falls Road and County Road 1.

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Event will help family recover from fire

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When dealing with any steel roof, he said, there is a tendency for heat and debris to be trapped once the supports are gone. In this case it had to be removed before the fire was completely extinguished.

Schell said the cause is undetermined and because it wasn't suspicious he won't be investigating further.

Also on the scene were the Ontario Provincial Police, Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services and Ontario Hydro.

The all-ages cash bar event features a video dance by Jamie Bacon and catering by Head Lake Grill. Admission is \$10 per person or two for \$15 and includes a buffet meal. Tickets are available at Haliburton Automotive, Silver Maple Motel, Why Not Collect It and the Head Lake Grill.

For further information contact Kelly Wilson at 705-457-2607 or Diana at 705-457-9630.



Darren Lum Staff

Above: Firefighters work to suppress a fire at a Lochlin residence on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 8. Top: A firefighter pumps water from a portable water tank during the blaze. Right: Two firefighters put water on the fire.

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Kennedy tells county of expanded EMS role

Sue Tiffin
Staff

When Pat Kennedy spoke to the County Emergency Services Committee for the last time on Jan. 8, he did so only after a lot of research, and with a lot of passion.

Kennedy, who retired as emergency medical services (EMS) director last week, presented to the committee about the Community Paramedicine program.

“We’re standing on the brink of ambulance services changing dramatically here in the province of Ontario,” he said.

According to a discussion paper submitted by Kennedy to the county, the Community Paramedicine program would expand the role of county paramedics to provide health services in the community where access to physicians, clinics and/or other medical services is difficult. The program has been in use in Toronto, Peel, York, Peterborough, and Renfrew, the community that first sparked Kennedy’s interest. He saw the Renfrew chief present about

the program in 2008 at a meeting of the Eastern Ontario EMS Chiefs.

“Renfrew is very similar to what we have in Haliburton County with pockets of population,” said Kennedy. “It was almost exactly the same situation as what we have here. It really hit a note close to home on how it could work here.”

Kennedy says the program would help the county’s high number of seniors that don’t have support systems in place such as family. It would also help those without easy transportation around the county. He said the county’s poverty is a challenge to people who need help but can’t get out of their house to access it.

The proposed Haliburton County model has three phases. The first is a referral program in which EMS could refer patients to alternative community agencies for follow-up or do a home safety check. Kennedy says that in some cases, the homes they visit are in need of repair or safety equipment like a bar for the bathtub. He also wants to make care preventative so that patients with recurring difficulty can be helped prior to worse accidents happening.

“Now, sometimes we realize a person needs help, but we can’t do anything about it,” said Kennedy. “We put a person back in bed four times before they break their hip and enter the healthcare system. There’s no need for that. We want to stop that. There’s no reason for that person to break their hip if we could just call someone to come out and do a home visit.”

The first phase would have little to no cost, and, if approved, could be implemented immediately.

“None of these things happen overnight but it is getting easier,” said Kennedy. “So many of these programs are coming out so the policies have been written and agreements have been drafted in other areas, it’s going to be a lot less work for us.”

The second phase would enable EMS to provide regular clinics for patients between doctor’s office visits. Kennedy said the county would benefit by clinics that could record blood sugar, blood pressure, medication reconciliation and ECG recordings.

The third phase would allow physicians to refer patients to the EMS program. EMS staff

would visit a patient’s home to assess the safety of the environment, treat a patient as per the instruction received, and report back to the ordering provider.

Kennedy said this type of program would help vulnerable populations including patients in need of social supports or patients who have a hard time getting to their medical provider’s office.

Phases two and three of the program would require additional funding and additional time to roll out.

“It’s been such a tried and proven program,” said Kennedy, who sees little difficulty in initiating the program. “We’re near the front of the pack but we’re not at the front of the pack.”

The committee approved Kennedy’s request to bring the Community Paramedicine program to county council on Jan. 22.

Kennedy told the committee that he wished he was 10 years younger so that he could avoid retirement and be more involved with the implementation of this program.

Warden prepares for OPP funding meeting

Sue Tiffin
Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the county standing committee meetings on Jan. 8.

Warden Dave Burton will present the county’s concerns about the proposed OPP funding formula to the Eastern Ontario Warden’s Caucus on Feb. 16 and 17.

During a Finance and Correspondence Committee meeting on Jan. 8, Burton asked that the CAOs and treasurers of the four lower-tier townships that comprise Haliburton County prepare financial information about current and potential costs for OPP funding.

“This is no sleight against our local OPP or our guys on the street here,” he said. “Our concern is that we just can’t afford it.” Under the new funding, policing costs could nearly double in some townships.

“What we’re trying to do is to get them to mitigate it, if they are going to implement it,” said councillor Murray Fearrey, Dysart reeve and Finance Committee vice-chair.

Mobile app funding denied by committee

A mobile app being promoted by The Land Between will be denied sponsorship funding in the county’s 2014 budget, according to a decision made by the county Tourism Committee at a meeting on Jan. 8.

In May 2013, Land Between executive director Leora Berman presented her idea for a virtual tourism guide to the committee. She asked the county for \$3,500 to be considered a sponsor, or \$5,000 for the partner level.

County voted against supporting the app based on its similarity to their Community

WebGIS map program, which was funded in 2013 and will launch later this year.

Tourism centre underused on boxing day

The Tourism Information Centre in Minden is unlikely to stay open on future Boxing Days after only three people used it that day in 2013. Amanda Ranson, the county’s tourism director, said, “it was a bit of an experiment. One of our students came in on Dec. 26 so that we could know for future years how busy the centre would be on that day.”

One person used the centre to seek directions, one person was looking for snowmobile permits, and one person was looking for a bathroom.

Funding for paved shoulders on County Road 648

At a Jan. 8 meeting, the county’s Road Committee agreed to pave half-metre shoulders on a section of County Road 648 that is being resurfaced.

Doug Ray, Director of Public Works, recommended paving the shoulders to provide structural support to the pavement. For an additional estimated \$338,000, the shoulders could be paved 1.2 metres to comply with the Cycling Coalition’s 2008 Cycling Master Plan.

Councillors said they support the Share the Road program but there is a necessity to review construction on a case-by-case basis.

They agreed the adjacent trail next to the road makes it unnecessary for wider shoulders that might be underused by cyclists and economically unfeasible.

The decision must be approved by county council at its meeting on Jan. 22.

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OPP charge two local teens for break-ins

Darren Lum
Staff

Two local 18-year-old teens are facing multiple charges for a series of break and enters in the Horseshoe Lake area after a successful investigation by the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

Early Thursday morning last week, police responded to a vehicle in a snow bank on Bethel Road in Minden. After police arrived on scene they learned the vehicle was stolen.

It was eventually linked to the two teens, one from Haliburton and another from Minden.

They were arrested shortly after at a residence and face three counts of break and enter, possession of break-in instruments, possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 and over \$5,000, mischief over \$5,000 and under \$5,000, including theft of a motor vehi-

cle over \$5,000.

Both accused were released on a promise to appear and are scheduled to appear in the Minden courthouse on March 5.

"From our standpoint it is significant

because we're talking about six break and enters," said OPP Const. Paul Potter.

He adds serial criminal activity like this is considered "higher on the priority list."

"We don't downplay any break and enter obviously, but the ones that are multiples we try and target

right away," he said. "Those are the people that don't seem to care about going through three or four different homes. Like where is that going to stop?"

The break-ins date back to September of last year.

Potter said a follow-up investigation is going to be conducted to determine if further charges will be laid.



Time Travellers donate to health services

Submitted

In keeping with the tradition of supporting the communities of Minden and Halibur-

ton, the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers recently donated a total of \$450 to the Minden and Haliburton hospital auxiliaries.

The old car club raised the money during their summer cruise nights 50/50 raffles.



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New county logo design requires tweak

Sue Tiffin
Staff

The County Tourism Committee was eager to get the first glimpse at the initial concept designs of the new Haliburton County logo last week.

Tourism director Amanda Ranson and logo designer Linda Middleton from Crystal Image Studio prepared a presentation for the Jan. 8 committee meeting. The presentation detailed three logo concepts and variations of each concept.

Ranson said the new logo needed to embody the area, be modern and sophisticated, and be classic and timeless.

"The goal was to merge the outdoor

adventure assets that we have, with the arts," she said.

Concept 1 was called 'Painting' and showed a nature scene with a tree, sun, and lake. Concept 2 was called 'H' and showed elements of nature designed as the letter 'H'. Concept 3 was called 'Wave' and showed three circles alongside each other with a wave running through them. The three logo concepts all have the county's tagline, #MyHaliburtonHighlands, printed underneath the image.

Though committee members said they didn't feel strongly about any of the images, they agreed that the first concept, 'Painting', was the best option to take a closer look at and revise.

"I think it reflects what we are, what we

have been, and where we're going," said Bruce Ballentine of the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Committee. "I see it as a modernization of the existing logo."

"It went more smoothly than I thought," said Ranson. "I thought people would be all over the board about what they liked, so I was really happy that we arrived to the version that I was most comfortable with and that I think serves the community best."

"I think it was more the lack of refinement that was creating the slight dislike, but we'll see because I'm changing it now," said Middleton. "I'm bolding it up, tightening up the white space and playing with the colours. That's all part of the refinement. Just making the logo stronger, cleaner, and crisper."

Ranson said that although the Roots cloth-

ing line and Destination Guide are waiting for the logo, she doesn't want to hurry through the process of choosing a strong logo.

"We don't want to rush because we want to make sure we arrive to a good place," she said. "I don't want to come up with something just for the sake of publishing a guide, so if need be we'll definitely come up with alternatives to make those things happen without hurting the logo project."

County councillor Carol Moffatt thanked Ranson and Middleton and said, "it's not easy to come up with something that you think is going to satisfy eight people never mind 40,000 of them."

The committee will meet again on Feb. 5 to see the updated concepts.

Haliburton pair charged with vehicle thefts, drug offences

By Mark Arike
Editor

The OPP have arrested and charged two people from Haliburton believed to be involved in a string of vehicle thefts, dating back to spring of last year.

One of the accused, a 26-year-old man, has been charged with 18 criminal offences, including five counts of theft under \$5,000, nine counts of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, and possession of cocaine and marijuana, according to an OPP press release. He was held in custody in Lindsay for hearings on Jan. 9 and 10.

The 22-year-old woman was charged

with possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, and possession of cocaine and marijuana. She was released on a promise to appear in Lindsay court on March 5.

According to a Jan. 4 press release, the pair were arrested and charged after plainclothes and uniformed officers executed a search warrant at a residence on Wigamog Road in Haliburton on Jan. 3.

Since last February, several vehicles were broken into in parking lots between Minden and Haliburton, said Det. Const. Peter Backus. Stolen items included GPS units, cell phones, purses and loose change.

"There are at least 30 different victims," said Backus, adding that most of the vehi-

cles were unlocked while some were forcibly entered.

Backus confirmed that similar incidents in "other jurisdictions" are currently under investigation. Local OPP as well as "special resources" have been utilized.

More charges will be laid in the near future, said Potter.

On Jan. 4, officers also arrested and charged a 19-year-old Haliburton man in connection with thefts from vehicles in the Rexall parking lot in Haliburton. Neither Potter nor Backus could comment on whether that arrest is linked to the current investigation.

Police are currently in possession of stolen items that have not yet been returned to

their rightful owners, said Backus.

"If anyone has specific items that were stolen, that they feel they can provide us with an adequate description of, I want them to come forward."

Since the arrests were made public, many individuals have contacted police to inquire about stolen property, said Potter.

Anyone who believes they've had property stolen from their vehicle should contact Backus at the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431.

Police are reminding the public to lock their car doors when left unattended, and to never leave valuables or personal identification in their vehicles.

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our editorial

Enabling youth with
skills of the past

When the Ministry of Natural Resources extended the fur trapping licence to children aged 12 to 15 last year, animal protection groups were disgusted. They said that encouraging children to trap animals was a “desperate ploy” for a declining industry hoping to survive.

And they might be right. The fur industry, one of Canada's oldest professions, remains controversial. With more North Americans pushing back on the industry and an older generation of fur trappers beginning to die off, those in the fur organizations are not shy about their hopes to recruit younger trappers who can carry on the trapping tradition after their grandparents and parents are gone.

But times have changed since the fur-trapping grandparents and parents of today were young. Now, 12 to 15 year olds get quite a bad rap in media reports and viral news stories. The question, “will millennials be the first generation to do worse than their parents?” is asked as part of news stories about how narcissistic tweens and teens being coddled by helicopter parents are more interested in themselves, social media, or whatever screen they happen to be closest to, than the world around them. We're led to believe that teenagers can't function socially like generations in the past, that they have no interest in eventually leaving their parents house, and that some can design a web page in their sleep, but can't load a dishwasher.

The teens at the 26th Fur Harvesters' Workshop this past weekend weren't hunched over phones or avoiding

eye contact though. They looked like your average millennial. They wore their hair in stylish ways, were clad in trendy clothes, and one 12-year-old girl even draped a turquoise purse over her shoulder, both hands free to scrape the excess fat from the muskrat skin in front of her. A closer look showed that there was some animal blood on her jeans. But she didn't care. She focused on the job in front of her, using a small knife or her bare hands, not worrying about getting dirty.



Sue Tiffin
Staff

We can argue about the fur industry – its environmental impact, its ethical issues, its relevance in a world where synthetic material is available – until we're blue in the face. We can argue that the fur industry is using children to keep alive an industry that animal activists say is dying. But we must also take the opportunity to see kids who are spending time outdoors with their parents and grandparents, something Canadian Tire wants so badly they launched a campaign last year trying to restore active family time. We can see kids in a generation that we worry is delaying adulthood learning how to live off the land and master skills that our ancestors had. In a world where their peers are going to have the same impressive skills with technology as each other, the kids in fur trapping families are going to have the added benefit of having encountered nature, understanding the lay of the land, and ideally learning about conservation and having respect for the animals they hunt. There's plenty to argue about the fur industry, but if it exists, it might just be helping the future generation by teaching it to embrace the past.

Brush wolves and
trumpeter swans

Just this side of the ridge that cups the western shore of Big Bob Lake, there is a long straightaway on the road back to Sapsucker Ridge.

The straightaway ends in a curve that climbs a steep hill. It is just about there that The Brown Dog Jiggs erupts into a fit of hysterical, leash-tugging barking.

The leash is hooked up because we are on a public road. Leashes give dogs courage. Leashed, Jiggs can hurl all the challenges he wants, for he will never have to follow up on them.

At first he barks at nothing I can see and then a brush wolf comes around the curve and into view. Lucky for you I'm on this leash, The Brown Dog barks.

If you speak Haliburton, brush wolf is another term for coyote. Now, I am neither a biologist nor any other kind of -ologist, so I cannot guarantee it is a coyote.

It seems too small to be a timber wolf but too solid to be a coyote. Perhaps it is a cross between the two, but I'll call it a brush wolf.

This animal seems too brash to be a timber wolf. It approaches to within 150 feet of us, then stops and stares at me, treating the barker as irrelevant.

We are in a staring match, the wolf and I. This may be the best look I ever get at a wolf. I try not to spoil the moment by moving.

Once, unthinking, I raise my hand for a nose scratch and alarm the wolf, who turns as if to leave. Nose scratched, my hand goes down, and the wolf turns back for another look.

Its mannerisms are so dog-like that I have to remind myself that I am looking at a wild animal. Finally it has seen all it wants to see of us. It turns and leaves. Jiggs shuts up.

This must be a good place to be a brush wolf for the hills are alive with dinner. There seem to be more deer than rabbits in my neighbourhood this winter.

Just before the last hill into town, a proud buck steps out onto the road and stands broadside to my truck so I can admire its spectacular rack.

Another night on the way into town, four antlerless deer amble out of the

same woods. On a weekend stroll, we look down a road just plowed into the Kernohan pit. There stands a deer, looking back at us.

Is it the same deer we see again nearby the day before yesterday? Not much left of it to see by then, except a bloody rib cage. Wolves might have been the killers, but it is a couple of dozen ravens whose dining we disturb.

Another day, Jiggs clambers over a roadside snow berm. Soon he is crunching on the skull of a creature unidentifiable from leash length.

This is on one of those cold days that introduced us to 2014. I pull away the reluctant dog, tell him that the skull will be there for him again tomorrow. Of course, it isn't.

That's bad news for Jiggs, but there is

wonderful news for nature from another part of the county - trumpeter swans at Moore Falls. Mac and Carolyn Ellis spotted four of them for last month's Christmas bird count.

The four were on the downstream side of the bridge in Moore Falls, where the Gull River empties into Moore Lake. The water there stays liquid long past freezing time in

most of the county.

These trumpeters didn't stay for long, but a pair hung around for several weeks during last year's milder winter. If only I had been there to see them! They're the biggest birds in the world - typically twice the weight of a Canada Goose, with an eight-foot wing span.

Their presence is part of a much larger good-news story, proof that nature's retreat needn't be irreversible. Trumpeters disappeared from Ontario at least a century ago, but now they're back.

As late as 1990, a Peterson Field Guide put their eastern limit at the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, but work on re-introducing them to Ontario had already begun by then near Whitby.

Now, reports Haliburton bird-watcher Ed Poropat, their population is increasing rapidly. They are a regular sight on the Toronto waterfront and now, evidently, on Moore Lake in winter.

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Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

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points of view

letters to the editor

Volunteers make all the difference

To the editor,

As with many things in our fair county, things happen because of dedicated and tenacious volunteers.

This has been an unusually snowy season for Nordic Skiers. When we think snow we think great conditions; the conditions, however, are only great because a handful of folks are giving of their time, often instead of skiing to spend hundreds and hundreds of hours grooming trails. One volunteer recently told me it's like a three or four-step process to groom one trail. Four times around Glebe or Moosewood comes close to a 100 kms!

Groomed trails attract tourists and residents alike. They also make us a destination for Nordic Ski enthusiasts looking to relocate to our fair county. Our trails and facilities can tip the scales for young physicians and other hard-to-recruit professionals considering coming to our community.

In summary, heartfelt thanks for your tenacity, dedication and generous gift of time and labour – to what I will tongue-in-cheek call the Groomsmen!

Marg Cox

Thank you for roadside help

To the editor,

Last Friday, Jan. 10, I was returning from Haliburton to Minden on Highway 118. The road conditions were somewhat icy and the traffic was moving about 20 kilometres per hour under the speed limit. About one km from Hwy 35 I hit a patch of black ice which sent me into a spin and into a snow bank on the other side of the road. The snow was so high that neither my friend nor I could open our doors.

Immediately the vehicle behind us stopped and offered assistance. The lady gave us her cell phone to call CAA and then they directed traffic while I tried to get CAA to answer (they were experiencing unusually high call volume). Before CAA could send a truck, an Algonquin Highlands pick-up truck came along and the couple helping us gave him their sailing ropes and pulled us out. The whole thing took less

than 15 minutes but it meant a great deal more than 15 minutes to us.

I said thank you to those wonderful people, including the neighbours, but I was too shaken up to do anything else. I just want them to know I wish I had gotten their names to do something more for them.

Now that the shock of the incident has worn off I just want to express how much I really appreciate everything they did to help us that day. It means so much more than just a thank you. You were really wonderful to us and I sincerely appreciate all the roadside help you gave to us.

There are really wonderful people in the Highlands and we were so lucky to have met you that day. Thank you.

Marilynne Lesperance
Minden



Wildlife in your backyard

Have a great nature shot? Send it to mark@maplekeymedia.ca.

Mike Grinnell took these photos from Loon Lake on Sunday, Dec. 8. "Needless to say, I've now got the suet feeder higher on the tree!"

Minden Times News

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Minden Food Bank welcomes help from Lakelands Board

Submitted by Paul Grinnell

A strong community is a large part of the foundation for much of what we enjoy as "the good life." As community residents themselves, the members of The Lakelands Association of Realtors are committed to helping to build strong communities throughout all of the areas they serve in Muskoka, Haliburton, Orillia, and Almaguin. This includes making a difference in the lives of those in need of a little extra help. Each year, The Lakelands members contribute to the Realtors Care foundation by working together to make a positive impact within their communities through volunteering their time and raising funds for a diverse array of causes and charities close to their hearts. Thanks to donations such as this \$2,040, The Minden Food Bank will continue to be able to help those in need in the community.



Submitted

Pictured from left to right: Ed Gibbons; Bill Kulas; Joanne Barnes of the Minden Food Bank; Fred Chapple; Tom Wilkinson, director of The Lakelands Board; Lisa Mercer; David Lee; Chris James; and Andrew Hodgson.

Community learns about at-risk reptiles

Sue Tiffin
Staff

The misconceptions that snakes should be picked up by the head and turtles should be picked up by the tail were laid to rest at an interactive workshop organized by The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and presented by reptile educators from Scales Nature Park on Jan. 11.

The reptile educators showed the audience of about 50 participants how to identify and handle a variety of snakes and turtles that can be seen in the area. Kelsey Bedard showed the audience how to “wheelbarrow” snapping turtles off the road by holding the area between their back legs and tail while they move forward on their front legs if they seem too heavy to lift. Reptiles at Risk project coordinator, Miranda Virtanen, encouraged people to lift a snake by their belly and tail so they aren’t tempted to bite fingers that are close to their heads.

“Our goal is to increase appreciation and conservation of

reptiles through education and hands-on animal interactions,” she said. “Since reptiles are commonly overlooked, and a lot of people are unaware that around 80 per cent of Ontario’s reptiles are classified as being ‘at risk,’ it is important to educate those who live in areas in which these species inhabit.”

They also shared information about how the animals – faced with major conservation issues – survive in nature.

Wood turtles stomp the ground to confuse worms. The worms think the sound is rain, head to the surface, and meet their death by hungry turtle. When the Eastern hog-nosed snake senses danger, it flips to its back to play dead and regurgitates half-digested toads or defecates on itself to smell rotten. Snapping turtles dig holes prior to burying their eggs to test the temperature of the ground. The temperature of the ground that the eggs are buried in determines the gender of the baby turtles.

Belinda Gallagher, Tory Hill resident, has called the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust before to report sightings of snapping turtles on her land so the Land Trust can record

numbers. She said they nest on her property, and she helps them by protecting their nests, or helping them across the road.

“I’m actually surprised by how many people are afraid of snapping turtles,” she said. “I think they’re wonderful. There are so many marks against them with all the roads they have to cross. They need all the help they can get.”

Sheila Ziman, the past chair of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust said, “learning more about snapping turtles and hog-nosed snakes will help to dispel some of the myths about these animals. Neither species is dangerous to humans.”

The Reptiles at Risk program coordinators encourage the public to become “citizen scientists” by reporting sightings and helping animals when it is safe to do so. They suggest using Ontario’s Reptile and Amphibian Atlas mobile app, which allows users to easily upload photos of species that can allow conservationists to map and research animals in the area.



Sue Tiffin

Above left: Shirley Morden felt comfortable holding a variety of snakes at the Reptiles at Risk workshop held by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Above right: Nicole Watson cooied up to a friend in her hands at the exhibit. Snakes shouldn’t be picked up by the head, but their body and tail should be supported.

Youth get involved in fur trade

Sue Tiffin

Fur harvesters from around Ontario gathered in the Minden arena on Jan. 12 to share camaraderie with fellow trappers and hunters, and to give the public the chance to ask questions and take in demonstrations. Reagan Ireland, a 12-year-old Buckhorn resident, was very focused as she demonstrated how to rid a muskrat skin of fat next to her 14-year-old brother Austin, who worked on a beaver skin. In 2013, the Ministry of Natural Resources agreed to extend the trapping license to children aged 12 to 15, allowing kids like Ireland and her brother to get more involved with their dad and grandparents.

"I was nine when I started to become interested in it," she said. "I thought it was kind of fun to get my hands dirty." Ireland said her classmates aren't involved with trapping, but some are interested in how it works.

"They don't mind because they like me for who I am," she said.

"I think it's a great thing," said Ireland's grandfather, Dan. "It just teaches the children different ways to deal with animals."

Paul Arkwright, president of the Minden District Fur Harvesters, said those involved with the fur industry face two difficult challenges in order to keep one of Canada's oldest professions going. He said public perception of trapping and hunting is sometimes negative, and that it's important to get the youth involved in the trade. He hopes to show the public, "there's still trapping going on; that it hasn't died down." Arkwright said it's important that Canadians know about the work fur harvesters do in order to clear up misconceptions that it is cruel or not sustainable. The 77-year-old Fenelon Falls resident also said, "we're trying to get the kids started, and trying to promote younger kids to take over for us old folks."



Sue Tiffin

Above: Gord Stickles of Eganville weighs beaver castors for Hector MacDonald of Seabright, who has been trapping for 47 years. A pound and a half of castors earned \$60 for MacDonald. Right: Twelve-year-old Buckhorn resident Reagan Ireland carefully observes a muskrat skin, and then peels the fat from it. Ireland's brother, dad, and grandpa are all involved in the fur trapping industry.



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Dominion relaunches Sunday afternoon concert series

By Sue Tiffin
Staff

To encourage local residents to look forward to the end of the weekend rather than dread it, Dominion Hotel's general manager Shawn Chamberlin has relaunched a series of concerts called Sunday Afternoon Live at the 'D' featuring local musicians who will entertain with a variety of live music.

The series is already booked until June.

"By designating a 'spot' on the calendar for a regular show featuring local music we can bring attention to what we're trying to do - better promote our local music and build a momentum of support with fans," said Chamberlin, who said he tested the idea last fall to great response. "Our local musicians don't have many regular performance opportunities and venues in the county. This series provides one more regular gig."

Jim Bjork came from Huntsville to see the show with Minden resident Denise LeBlanc.

"It's great," said Bjork, who learned about it through a Facebook page.

"It's good for us to get out and hear some music," said LeBlanc.

Chamberlin agrees.

"This series will provide an opportunity for the community to support local music; to meet and experience talent they may not have seen before; and to satisfy the musicians performance goals - to have fun," he said. "Everyone can afford to do it as there is no cover charge. It is a full circle of needs satisfaction. Everyone wins with this series."

Slow Motion Walter performed on the first Sunday of this month, and Sheri Hawkins entertained the crowd on Jan. 12. Gord Kidd will take the stage on Jan. 19 and Phil McMahon and Paddy's Lament will get everyone dancing to Irish music on Jan. 26.

The series will run until the end of next summer from 4-7 p.m. every Sunday, and guests of all ages are welcome to attend.



Sue Tiffin

Above: Shari Hawkins and the Shari Hawkins band entertained a crowd at the Dominion with both covers and original songs during the 'Sunday Afternoon at the D Series' on Jan. 12. Right: The crowd enjoyed the Sunday show.

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THE VOICE OF THE
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Duchene joins all-star roster for Winter games

Darren Lum
Staff

For every goal achieved there is always an assist.

Haliburton's Matt Duchene, who was named to his first Canadian Men's Olympic Hockey Team, continues to ascend the hockey world but he hasn't forgotten about the support he's received to reach his goals.

"[Haliburton has] always been such a hockey town, and the support of my friends and family has always been big for me and a driving factor," he said in an e-mail. "It's always amazing to know how happy everyone is for me and also to celebrate things like this when I come home in the summer. Hopefully we'll have a gold medal to celebrate this year."

His family has been there since the beginning and experienced the roller coaster ride that comes with life in the National Hockey League (NHL).

It was fitting then Duchene, who got early word from Boston Bruins general manager and Canada's men's management group member Peter Chiarelli, called his parents Vince, Chris and younger sister Jessica close to 45 minutes after learning before the Jan. 7 announcement.

Vince felt relieved when he got the call.

"I wondered all along if he was going to have the opportunity to know beforehand, so when he called me I was around a crowd of people so I really couldn't tell him how I felt," he said. "It was a relief as much as anything because there is such a build up, such a wait."

Duchene, who turns 23 by Jan. 16, also remembered the support of friends when he contacted "great friend" and Avalanche teammate Paul Stastny, who will play for the US at

the Olympics, and "best buddy from Haliburton, Ryan Bottum" with text messages, fulfilling a promise to keep them informed.

This past year wasn't without anxiety for the Colorado Avalanche centre, who admits to not sleeping well for a month leading up to the announcement of fulfilling a childhood dream.

"It's something I have wanted really bad and I knew it would mark a major milestone in my career," he said.

He adds being named is "humbling and surreal."

His father commended his son on handling the pressure.

"From the beginning of the season he's just trying to play as well as he can to help his team win and the whole bit," said Vince. "But that's always niggling at the back of your mind as parents. When you watch your kid you wonder if he has an off game, if the pressure is getting to him? ... He handled it perfectly."

Vince recalled an important moment in his son's life a few years ago, when he was injured and cut from the world junior Canadian team. Following that setback, he had a strong finish to the OHL season for the Brampton Battalion, which elevated his standing for the NHL draft.

"That's what launched him to be in the conversation to be first overall pick in the NHL. That's what did it," he said.

The lockout season where Matt played for Canada in the Spengler Cup and in Europe was a definite boost to his son's

playing, Vince added.

"He's worked really hard to get to this point. I'm as proud of him [now as] of anything else. It just shows what sheer determination and desire can bring him."

Matt's mother Chris said the family is figuring out scheduling to go to Russia.

Duchene was one of 25 NHL players who

will play for gold at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics. The team includes an all-star cast of players such as good friend Sidney Crosby, Jonathan Toews and John Tavares.

Although this is Duchene's first Olympic team, he isn't new to the international stage, having represented Canada in three of the last four world championships. He has also won two gold medals in 2008 for Team Canada at the International Ice Hockey Federation World Under-18 Championship in Kazan, Russia and

the Under-18 Ivan Hlinka tournament in Slovakia.

Parents, Vince said, experience everything their child experiences.

"You feel everything," he said. "We felt his oblique [injury earlier in the season]. As a parent you feel it. That's the hardest part. You live and die by everything that happens with your kid because as a dad or as a mom you want your children to do the best they can."



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Scotty Morrison tourney a go for next year

Darren Lum
Staff

There's no truth to the rumours that the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament is over says Scotty Morrison.

Morrison, who wasn't aware of any rumours when asked, said the ice is already booked for next year's seventh installment of the major fundraiser for Community Care Haliburton County at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden.

"We've been assured that monies raised through the hockey tournament will definitely stay within Community Care [Haliburton County] ... Certainly things will change," he said, referring to how he suspects the rumours stem from the impending changes to the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). "There's no question about that in terms of people on the board and all the rest of it. All the things Community Care does, the tournament is one

of them, as far as I'm aware, are going to be in place for next year."

This year the event features the Stanley Cup, the Memorial Cup and keynote speaker David Branch, who is the president of the Canadian Hockey League, commissioner of the Ontario Hockey League, and member of the Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Branch will speak at the Jan. 31 cocktail party, which will include both trophies on display and live and silent auctions. The event starts at 7 p.m. and is at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton.

Community Care executive director Maureen Ruttig, who appreciates the support from the community and sponsors, corroborated Morrison's statements.

"Everybody agrees the Scotty Morrison [tournament] is a signature event. So, no, no, no there is no [truth to any rumours]," she said. "We're looking forward to having many, many Scotty Morrison's."



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The Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament is already booked for next year, despite rumours this year's tourney would be the last.



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2013 Christmas bird count results

Dennis Barry

What a difference a year makes! On last year's bird count there was enough open water among the islands at the south end of Gull Lake to paddle about in a canoe looking for loons and kingfishers. This year, despite the fact that the count took place on Dec. 14, Gull and every other lake were frozen solid, except for small patches of open water where rivers entered. This, combined with very cold weather and a substantial covering of snow, meant that most water birds had departed.

One loon still lingered below the whitewater course on Minden Lake, and a kingfisher was still on its favourite fishing perch beside the Lochlin branch of the Burnt River east of Gelert. Four trumpeter swans below the dam at Moore Falls were new for the count, bringing the total number of different kinds of birds seen on at least one of the 47 counts to 101. Two herring gulls circled the Minden landfill, but didn't see anything to their liking, so continued on south.

Six bald eagles did consider the dump worth watching. They were there when it opened. A circling kettle of four eagles further south, plus another elsewhere, tied the record of 11 set in 2011 – further evidence that this species is well on its way to recovery after the devastation caused by pesticides such as DDT.

The decline in gray jay numbers has a different cause. Gray jays depend on food stored in autumn to feed hungry nestlings that hatch during the snow and cold of late winter. As global warming leads to more frequent winter thaws, stored food often rots due to repeated freeze/thaw cycles, leading to low nestling survival. Also, black spruce seems to have greater food preservative properties than other tree species gray jays use to hide their stores. The southern limit of the black spruce range in Hal-

iburton County means that nesting gray jays here have to depend on other tree species that don't preserve stored food as well. During the mid 20th century, the few black spruce stands in southern Haliburton were killed by flooding as the local beaver population exploded into every swamp and creek valley. While a few gray jays still survive here, none were seen on this year's count. If you live near a boggy area with dense stands of tamaracks and other evergreens, hanging up some suet for the winter months could be a great help to any gray jays trying to raise young nearby.

As expected, no pine or evening grosbeaks,

Goldfinches are gradually discovering that Niger seed at feeders is a food source worth exploiting. Purple finches tend to prefer the larger sunflower seeds, but many are still foraging in the woods. Northern cardinals are recent arrivals in Haliburton. In fact, they only appeared in Ontario during the last century. The six wintering in the Minden area are taking full advantage of the generosity of those who stock their feeders with sunflower seeds. Along with American tree sparrows, cardinals are the first to arrive at feeders in the morning and like to feed last at dusk.

Barred owls are regular winter residents in

the count circle, but are quiet and secretive, especially during cold cloudy weather. Sometimes one will appear after dark to hunt for white-footed mice foraging for seeds under a bird feeder.

The 39 species found on Dec. 14 was below the average for recent years, and well below the record 56 recorded in 2011, but typical of years when lakes are frozen and the variety of finch species is low. Many, many thanks to the 22 folks who kept track of species around their yards,

and to the 19 who braved a frosty day to search woods and fields for birds that were too busy searching for food to vocalize, or respond to efforts to get them to come out to be counted.

If you haven't yet added your birds to the tally or if you've heard from neighbours of other species not seen on count day, there's still time to have them included. You can e-mail info to Ed Poropat at ed.barb@sympatico.ca or Dennis at dbarry@interlinks.net, or mail it to Dennis Barry, 338 Crystal Beach Blvd. Whitby, Ont. L1N 9Z7.

Now that 2014 is here, mark your calendar for next fall's count, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 14.



A blue jay sits on a tree branch.

Photo submitted by Janice Hardy

Christmas bird count totals 2012

Trumpeter Swan	4 (first time ever recorded)
American Black Duck	16
Mallard	244
Common Goldeneye	38
Hooded Merganser	10
Common Merganser	1 (low number)
Red-breasted Merganser	3
Ring-necked Pheasant	Count Week (December 17)
	2 (record low)
Ruffed Grouse	200
Wild Turkey	1
Common Loon	1
Bald Eagle	11
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Red-tailed Hawk	4
Herring Gull	2 (low number)
Rock Pigeon	180
Mourning Dove	57
Barred Owl	1
Belted Kingfisher	1
Downy Woodpecker	52
Hairy Woodpecker	92
Pileated Woodpecker	8
Northern Shrike	1
Blue Jay	624
American Crow	11
Common Raven	123
Black-capped Chickadee	712
Red-breasted Nuthatch	50
White-breasted Nuthatch	31
Brown Creeper	3
Golden-crowned Kinglet	11
European Starling	126
American Tree Sparrow	49
Dark-eyed Junco	47
Snow Bunting	34
Northern Cardinal	6
Common Grackle	1
Purple Finch	10
American Goldfinch	250
House Sparrow	40

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This week at Minden Legion, Branch 636

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A tradition in many Legions, the President's Levee offers a chance for people to enjoy the hospitality of the Branch and to start the year off on a good note. And there were certainly many good notes with The Highlands Trio entertaining in the background as Keith Welborn and the executive welcomed members, guests and visitors to Minden's Levee. There was plenty of good conversation and a feast of food prepared by our volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this a success. The Trio's special brand of country, folk and down-east music was a delight to hear and the band will be back again this coming Saturday afternoon from 1

to 5 p.m. There is no cover charge, just a donation to the band. Plan to come early as this is a very popular event.

A new activity will be starting at the Legion for crafters and "wannabe's", Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Anyone is welcome, experienced crafters or those who just want to "tinker" and get together with others for a creative morning. Organizer Judy Flieger is encouraging people to bring the craft ingredients they've gathered with good intentions over the years. We can all share ideas and materials, helping each other to make items and the morning promises to be very enjoyable. There's no cost to attend and you aren't obligated to be there every week. You won't even have to worry about having to bring your creations back home again, as there are bins

provided to store the items and the Legion is planning to have a Christmas craft sale next winter.

Select editions of the LEGION magazine are now placed in waiting rooms and other locations around town. Although our members get a free subscription, anyone else can take home the complimentary copy and even order their own subscription. If you enjoy reading Canadian history, or want to know about the latest health findings, you'll likely enjoy reading this award-winning publication. My thanks to members who bring me their extra copies.

On Sunday afternoon NFL Game Day, a group of friends from Gellert couldn't go ski-dooing because of the rain, so they came to the Branch instead. They managed to win \$77.50

in the 50/50 then proceeded to buy a mountain of Nevada break-open tickets. Well, they kept winning at that too, enjoying the afternoon until they had enough to take a taxi back home again! Many thanks to our volunteers Rick and Jenn who prepared the food and tended the bar. We are also very grateful to those volunteers who keep our branch open during the week while the regular bartender recovers from an injury.

Saturday, Jan. 25 from 7 to 10 p.m., Minden Legion presents an evening of Rhythm & Blues and Jazz with Sheri Hawkins. Special guest, Nashville's Hal Turner who has played with greats such as Bo Diddley and Little Anthony and The Imperials. Tickets are \$8.50 at the door.

Dorset Poker Rally on for February

Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset are pleased to announce the

details for the upcoming Dorset Poker Rally. The popular rally will take place on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 with proceeds to aid Lions Camp Dorset and the club.

Prizes are being awarded for the top 10 poker hands with a first prize of \$2,000 cash. There is a flat screen TV for the rider with the most dollars in pledges and pledge

sheets are available at www.tallpines.org.

The registration fee is \$35 and includes the ride, dinner and a poker hand. The registration fee is waived for riders with \$100+ in pledges. Pre-registration takes place at Lions Camp Dorset on Kawagama Lake Road on Friday, Feb. 7 from 5 to 9 p.m. and registration takes place at the same location on Sat-

urday, Feb. 8 from 9 to 11 a.m.

OFSC three-day trail permits will be available on site at Lions Camp Dorset. Once again this year there will be sponsored check points and participants must be 19 years of age to purchase a poker hand.

For more information on the rally contact Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or visit www.tallpines.org for information on accommodations at Lions Camp Dorset call 705-766-2780.

Canadian Heritage has recently launched their 2014 Canada day challenge for youth. If you're between the ages of 8 and 18 and live in Canada you are invited to express what Canada means to you by submitting an original poster design, digital photograph or a piece of creative writing inspired by the theme "Canada: Strong and Free". You could win some really great prizes including a VIP invitation to attend Canada Day 2014 events on Parliament Hill. Be sure to visit www.challenge.pch.gc.ca for more information and details on how to enter. Entries will be accepted until Feb. 15, 2014.

We are just a few people short of being able to continue Monday night yoga classes at the Dorset Recreation Centre with Caroline Hutt. If you are interested in this moderately vigorous class that is great for all sorts of reasons such as reducing stress, promoting relaxation and good physical activity, call or e-mail the Recreation Centre today at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968.

There will be a Dorset Recreation Committee meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.

There will be a Dorset Community Policing meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The YWCA is offering a free presentation for women at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (lunch included) called "Making Your Money Matter". This is an interactive workshop to obtain the skills needed to budget, manage expenses and understand credit and debt management. To register for this free workshop, visit www.ymcamuskoka.com or call 705-645-9827.

Birthday wishes for Jan. 12 to 18 go out to Corey Crewson, Joyce McKey, Kyle Wheeler, Marie Warkentin, Dave McDonald and Deb Eichler. Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send special wishes to your loved ones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun and celebrate your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home e-mail address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-756-0076.



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News



Interested in Community Economic Development? Volunteer Opportunity

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) is seeking a resident from the Municipality of Minden Hills to serve on the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP) Committee. The committee is comprised of HCDC board members and a community member from each of the four municipalities in the County.

The suitable applicant will have an interest in community economic development, have experience working with not-for-profit organizations and have knowledge of the business community. The EODP committee normally meets 4 to 6 times per year and has an annual budget of approximately \$450,000 to promote the growth of new and existing innovative businesses and advance community-led economic development in Haliburton County. For a full description of the committee mandate and responsibilities please contact Patti Tallman.

If you are interested please forward a cover letter and your resume by January 24, 2014 to:

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The Township of Algonquin Highlands is accepting bids for a Tree Clearing Contract at the Haliburton-Stanhope Municipal Airport.

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County card scores

Jan. 7 contract bridge at Club 35: Our interim bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh reports that Rob Eaton topped the charts at 5,300 followed by Mary Johnson 5,240 and Ross Fletcher 4,560. Ross teamed up with Rob Eaton for a Small Slam while Ann Maher was awarded the Shiny Penny and Jim Burrows won the draw.

Jan. 7 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The top trio members were Jan Heaven 4,810, Gerald Bergin 3,940 and Dave Heaven 3,800. Thanks to Nancy Ballantyne for this update.

Jan. 7 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In first place at 332 were Connie Sawyer and Anne Manning, then June Fortune and Ray Lymer 328. Third spot went to Bev Alexander and Kay Bull 309 while our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with Merv Elstone claimed

the afternoon's low of 214.

Jan. 8 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Dave and Jan Heaven led at 63 per cent then the duo of Ross Fletcher and Jackie Metcalf 58 per cent.

Jan. 8 bid euchre at Stanhope: Leading the whites at 297 was Colin Miller with Pat Scadden 227 next and Jason Peacock 209 third. First for the pinks was Marg Oetelaar 312 then Pat Marshall 227 and Willie Cox 205. Linda Lambert also reports that Marg Oetelaar claimed the evening's single moonshot.

Jan. 9 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Cheryl O'Dell and Jason Peacock with Jim Bradbury and Murray Daniels posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Bev Johnson and Jesse Barlow while Cheryl O'Dell [2] and Jason Peacock along with Jim and our reporter May Bradbury took home the other prizes.

Jan. 9 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: For the ladies Pat Roussel led at 264 followed by Belle Walker 236, Vi Howell 226

and Betty Wagar tied with Janice Davidson 212. First for the gents at 315 was Kevin Maloney then Ida Young 267, Pat Scadden 254 and Dorothy McElwain 220. Albert Foster held the hidden score and Ron Morrison won the "cell 1" hand draw while moonshots landed on Marcel Roussel, Kevin Maloney, Pat Scadden, Jason Peacock and our reporter Bev Johnson [2].

Jan. 10 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Judy Reddy won for high hands, Albert Foster for lone hands and the special prize and Jean Randell for low hands.

Jan. 10 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Rob Eaton and Heather Lindsay led at 61 per cent with Ross Fletcher and Peter O'Connor next 60 per cent.

Jan. 11 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Representing the ladies Archie Ross led at 275 followed by Karen Chapman 257, Vi Howell 220 and Pearl Cowen 213, first for the gents at 248 was Ida Young then Ron Morrison 211, Albert Foster 205 and Kevin Maloney

199. Dwaine Lloyd won the special prize with June Branning, Maria Tschida and Archie Ross claiming the moonshots. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this update.

Jan. 13 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Ellen Holden and Shirley Jones with Mabel Deacon and our reporter Tim Sharpe posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Lorna Hicks while Kay Godden took home the special prize.

Jan. 13 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that Ron Morrison topped the charts at 362 then Marcel Roussel 263 and Marcy Morgan 232. Pauline Franzen won the draw with Sharron Atkinson, Jesse Barlow and Marcel Roussel claiming the moonshots.

Jan. 13 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Arthur Forbes, for both lone hands and the special prize Margaret Fletcher and for lone hands Albert Foster. This news comes from Sherin Brown.

Around the Town

Patti Fleury | 705-488-2938

After all the holiday celebrations, early January birthdays are somewhat anti-climatic. By the time you read this column mine will already have passed for 2014. Due to illness there was never a birthday party until age eight and a memory still lingers of a young girl seated at the front window holding her gift of an imitation Hummel figurine while looking out at healthy passers-by.

Many happy birthdays have since passed but when 2013 Christmas gifts of pajamas (Bruce claims they're lounge wear), slippers and toiletries are carefully packed away in a box labelled "Emergency Admission - Ross Memorial" and your gift cell phone has only limited service for 911 calls, it's time to set down the little figurine, dress up in the fashionable lounge wear and re-join that parade.

Sunday's lunch in Lindsay with daughter Megan and her family plus the arrival of dear friends here at the old farmhouse later this week are a good start. Seventeen-year-old grandson Austin is off to tour the Media Centre at Centennial Community College this afternoon. While Bruce had a lengthy distinguished affiliation with that college, I suggested to Austin he not mention my brief teaching career there and that my continuing education students' greatest achievement was to figure out how they could trip the parking lot barriers using their credit cards.

If your New Year's resolutions included new learning for a healthier lifestyle there will be a Tai Chi Open House on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Galway Hall. This is a great opportunity to see the class in progress and be able to ask questions about Tai Chi and its considerable benefits. Ongoing classes are held regularly on Monday and Thursday mornings at the Hall.

For a fun-filled family country experience

this Saturday, Jan. 18, head out to the Pearson's Hunt Camp on the Galway Road about 7.5 kms in from County Road 121. Activities start around noon hour and continue to 4 p.m. so be sure to dress for winter while enjoying horse drawn sleigh rides with hot refreshments available for purchase on site at a reasonable cost inside the warm-up cabin. Funds raised are directed to projects within the Galway community.

The first monthly Book Sale for 2014 sponsored by the Friends of the Kinmount Library is coming up this Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the branch located at 3980 County Road 121. There are many great programs and services provided by the library including a drop in for book related activities which encourage literacy and imagination during open hours, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. "Crafty Saturdays" will start on Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. but please note that registration is required to ensure that there are enough supplies on hand. For more information about the Branch please call 705-488-3199.

Another busy Kinmount spot is the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 with regular activities throughout the week and many special events. On Sunday, Jan. 26 at 1 p.m., Scott Gartshore and Dirt Road return for another great afternoon of open mic entertainment at a cost of only \$7. You are most welcome to drop by or contact the branch at 705-488-3462 for more information on programs, membership and/or hall rentals.

For youths 11 years and older, the Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course will be taking place on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Kinmount Community Centre. This course includes eight hours training and a babysitter's manual with a certificate presented to successful participants. The original price of \$60, which included lunch, has now been reduced to \$50 through the assistance of the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. To inquire or register please call Jane Austin at 705-488-9954 or e-mail her at kinmountgazette@hotmail.com.

Mark your calendars now and book your tickets early for the 3rd annual Bursary Dinner & Loonie Auction on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the fully accessible Galway Hall. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. which gives ample opportunity to check out the fabulous auction items available before dinner at 6 p.m. Funds raised to date total over \$20,000 for this worthwhile endeavour and in 2013,

10 awards of \$1,000 were made to qualified local students going into post-secondary studies at university, college or trade schools. Donations to the Kinmount Bursary Fund or items for the auction are most welcome. Tickets are available by calling the Kinmount Pharmacy at 705-488-1960 where donations can also be accepted until next week.

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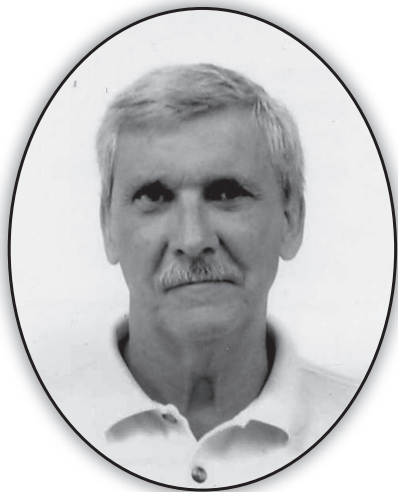
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Don Hall

From Minden

In loving memory of a wonderful Husband, Father, Gramps and Best Friend who left us January 19, 2011



This day is remembered and quietly kept,
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So loved, so missed, and so very dear.

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Thank you

I wish to thank all my kind and thoughtful friends from Minden and area who filled my hospital room with cards after my unfortunate fall. I came here six years ago to be closer to my son Alan and daughter-in-law Marci. Thanks to my wonderful Anson Street neighbours, I was introduced to euchre at St Paul's church, the "Circle of Friends", luncheon at the Legion and the many dinners, teas and concerts at the United Church. I have felt at home ever since. I am truly blessed to live in such a caring community.
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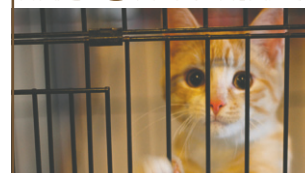
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Entered in rest at Peterborough Regional Health Centre, with his family by his side on Saturday, January 4, 2014. Wally leaves behind his wife Karen of 47 years, his children Angela Hogg, Paula Doucet (Robert, former son-in-law) and Laura (Brent Wood). Grandfather of seven grand children Westley Barr, Joshua Barr, Justin Doucet, Connor Doucet, Camdyn Wood, Kellan Wood and Taylor Wood. Great Grandfather of Liam and Lucas. Family and Friends were invited to a celebration of Wally's life at the Fenelon Falls Legion, 23 Veteran Way, Fenelon Falls on January 11, 2014. If desired in memoriam donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through PARKER FUNERAL HOME, 19 Moose Road, Lindsay. Online condolences may be made at www.parkerfuneralhomes.ca

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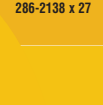
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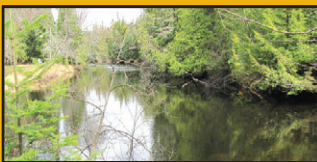
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Head Lake Haliburton \$89,900

- Totally private estate on Cul-de-Sac
- Private docking, boat launch & parkland
- Merged triple lot with amazing character
- Flat rock and a towering pine stand

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Irondale River \$69,000

- Over 7 acres with 588 ft river frontage
- Driveway in place and building site cleared
- 3600 litre septic installed
- Hardwood rolling bush to river

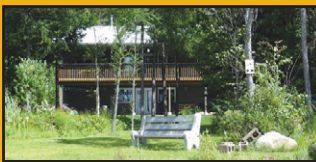
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Skyline Lot - Vendor Financing \$39,900

- Level Private Lot, 400' ftg.
- Great building lot
- Minutes to town docking
- Close to all amenities

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



Gooderham Lake \$429,000

- Custom built (2010) 4 BDRM Cottage/home
- Sand Shoreline! West Exp! Level Lot!
- 4 bdrm's, 2 Baths, Full Covered Deck
- Drilled Well, Septic, & Walkout bsmt

Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932



Excellent Building Lot \$69,900

- 588 Ft Rd Frontage, 2.10 acres in Haliburton
- Level lot, ravine at back with stream
- Minutes to trails/lakes & town amenities
- Area of newer homes and dead end road

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Prime Highway 35 Location

- 1,200 sq ft, totally renovated
- C-1 Zoning, Great Exposure
- Close to Township/County Offices
- Contact Tom Ecclestone for Details

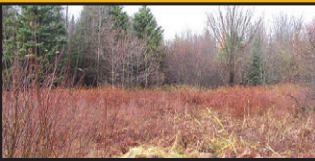
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Beech Lake \$374,000

- 125 ft south facing - SUN, SUN, SUN
- 2 bdrm with full finished basement on large acre lot
- Room to build garage or workshop
- Flat lot with deck and 75 ft cedar topped dock

Lee Gauthier 489-9968



Building Lot Close to Town \$29,999

- Great location near Minden
- In an area of nice homes
- 1.18 acres on year round road
- Hydro & phone close by

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



Kinmount Beauty! \$324,900

- 3 BR, 2 bath spotless bungalow with garage
- Access with dock (not deeded) to Irondale River
- Pretty lot, peaceful setting, great country retreat
- Too many recent upgrades to mention

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



Miskwabi Lake - Rare Find! \$479,900

- 218' frontage, awesome shoreline, sunset views
- Nicely updated 3BR cottage
- New wood stove with granite hearth
- Easy Municipal year round access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



Sir Sam's Ski Chalet \$399,000

- Ski in and out of this stunning Chalet
- 4 BR, 3 Baths, full finished basement
- Top end finishing, amazing views
- Year round get away for active families

Valerie Kulla 286-2138



Highway 35 Residential \$129,900

- 1.8 acres set nicely off the highway
- Garage, basement and loft addition
- 3 bdrms, 4 piece bath mn flr laundry
- Country kitchen, loads of charm

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Davis Lake \$299,900

- 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage.
- Bunkie + garage
- Level lot, sand beach, dock.
- Big lake view

Dan Lee 286-2138 x 27



Recreational Paradise- 37.6 Acres - \$299,900

- 10 mins to Minden, Blairhampton Rd - prestigious area
- Hard & softwood bush; natural spring; partially landscaped
- High quality 2+1 BR home; 2 baths; Bsmt w/o; Private;
- Level access; trails; 1.5 km from public boat launch- 12 Mile Lake

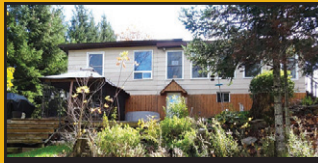
Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



Tamarack Lake \$45,000

- 4 acre building lot with deeded access
- Mixed bush, rock outcroppings, pond at rear
- Level building site, driveway area cleared
- Year round private road

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



Gull River \$254,900

- Well Maintained 4 Season home/cottage
- Boat to Gull Lake or Downtown Minden
- 3 Bedrooms, Sunroom, Full W/O Basement
- Single Car Garage, FAO & Woodstove

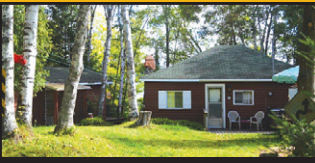
Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



County Road 21 \$165,000

- Mins. to Minden conveniences, solid brick
- 2 bdrm; walk out bsmt.; family room
- Sep. dining room; fireplace; hardwood floors
- Raised bungalow; dbl drive & lots of parking

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



Excellent Opportunity on Halls Lake \$299,900

- 120 feet of fantastic waterfront
- Excellent swimming, fishing & boating
- Original 1940's cabin
- Plus full bunkie with kitchen & bathroom

Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



Great Starter Home \$119,900

- Located between Haliburton & Minden
- Many recent upgrades
- Bunkie, single carport, storage shed
- Public access to the 5 lake chain close by

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



Home Sweet Home \$154,900

- Great starter or retirement home
- 2 bedrooms, main floor family room
- Oversized one car garage and shed
- Walk to all amenities in Haliburton

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



Highway 35 Lots

- Two prime building lots north of Minden
- Easy access from highway; driveways in
- \$125,000 - 3.5 acres; \$99,000 - 3.1 acres;
- HST in addition. Commercial use possible

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



Minden Home \$140,000

- Charming 2 Bedroom/1.5 Bath
- Open Concept Living and Kitchen
- New shingles, deck, fixtures, flooring etc
- Full walk-out Basement

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



Halls Lake Beauty \$649,900

- Classic charm with modern upgrades
- Incredible 249' of sandy beach waterfront
- Boathouse and gazebo at waterfront
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, stone fireplace

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Country Home \$319,000

- Large 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home on 25 acres
- Bright, open-concept living with stone fireplace
- Attached 1.5 finished garage & large detached garage
- Centrally located to numerous centres & amenities

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



Custom Built, 5 Lake Chain Home/Cottage - \$579,900

- 132' Waterfront, 78 Acre privacy, professional landscaping;
- 3 plus bdrms, 2 bath, approx 3000 sq ft;
- Granite countertops, ceramic/hardwood flooring;
- Adjacent to Head Lake Trail, Haliburton Village.

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



Great Starter Cottage! \$79,900

- Neat and tidy 2-bedroom cottage
- Deeded access to Wenona Lake across road
- 12' x 8' shed, newer metal roof
- Fully furnished, Year round access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



Outstanding Pine Lake Property \$589,000

- 395 feet of combination deep water and sand shoreline
- Very level lot with huge majestic trees
- Completely redone main cottage
- Oversized 2 car garage with upper Bunkie

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

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